

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 9-20, with the following amended paragraph:

Desirably, the elastic film or plug 32 is positioned within the elastic layer 15 and adjacent the plurality of elastic filaments 22. In accordance with one embodiment of this invention, the elastic film or plug 32 has a generally rectangular cross-sectional shape. Desirably, the elastic film or plug 32 has a width not greater than about 0.236 inch, desirably about 0.078 inch to about 0.236 inch, more desirably about 0.118 inch, and a thickness of about 0.003 inch to about 0.015 inch. [[Thus]] Desirably, the elastic film or plug 32 has a width-to-thickness ratio of greater than about 5, more desirably greater than about 10, still more desirably about 16 to about 78. The elastic film or plug 32 is positioned along a first lateral edge region 27 of the SEEL 10 and substantially aligned in the machine direction. In accordance with one embodiment of this invention, a second elastic film or plug 32 is positioned at an opposing second edge region 29 of the SEEL 10 and substantially aligned in the machine direction, as shown in Fig. 1.